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SUBJECT: GERMAN RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE ON UAE-BASED MAYROW
GENERAL TRADING

REF: A. BERLIN 2387
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Classified By: Global Affairs Counselor Donald R. Shemanski, for reason
s 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (S) Global Affairs officer discussed WMD nonproliferation issues with German MFA Export Control Desk Officer Andreas Kauke December 4. Kauke provided a German-language nonpaper in response to ref B demarche concerning the procurement efforts by a Berlin-based man, Akbar Ashraf Vaghefi, and a Dusseldorf-based firm, IKCO Trading GmbH, for dual-use components for the UAE-based entity, Mayrow General Trading.

¶2. (S) Begin text of unofficial embassy translation of the German-language nonpaper:

Regarding the nonpaper from August 9, 2006 (Wassenaar Arrangement) concerning the General Order on the UAE-based firm Mayrow General Trading for its attempt to procure components for the production of improvised explosive devices (IEDs), allow us to bring the following information to the attention of the U.S. authorities:

-- We thank you for the information concerning the aforementioned procurement attempt, in which the Dusseldorf-based firm IKCO Trading GmbH and a Berlin resident, Mr. Akbar Ashraf Vaghefi, are supposedly involved. As we could establish -- and as announced -- the General Order against the firm Mayrow as well as the firm IKCO Trading GmbH and Mr. Vaghefi has been expanded.

-- Examinations by the responsible authorities have revealed that the trading company IKCO Trading is either a subsidiary company or a procurement organization, as well as a representative, of the Industrial Development and Renovation Organization of Iran (IDRO) for the automobile industry, which possibly also has military connections. We have no concrete proliferation-relevant information concerning either the firm IKCO or Mr. Akbar Ashraf Vaghefi. Current export connections between IKCO Trading could not be established with the firm Mayrow.

-- An examination of exports supposedly by the firm IKCO Trading is still supposed to occur this year. The responsible authorities will especially take into account the facts that you described to them in their investigation. Should this examination or an even more precise planned examination of Mr. Vaghefi result in information, we will report to you right away.

-- We know, in addition, that the components mentioned in the nonpaper are general-purpose materials of the simplest type, which are not listed and therefore difficult to check.

We are pleased with the continuing outstanding cooperation in
the area of export controls.

End text of German-language nonpaper.
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